

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claims 7, 8 and 17-23 are amended.

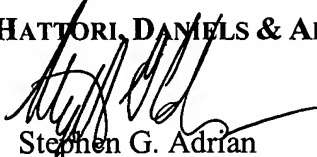
In the Office Action, an election of species is required among species 1-4. Applicants hereby elect species 1. It is believed that claims 1, 2, 4-16 and 23-27 read on the elected species, as amended.

An Information Disclosure Statement is filed herewith. The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the cited references in the next communication received from the Office.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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